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SUBJ: CLAIMS OF FURTHER ETHIOPIAN WAR VICTORIES

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1109; STATE 063496 (NOTAL)

1. ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS COMMAND (NROC)
HAS ANNOUNCED MAJOR VICTORIES ON EASTERN AND SOUTHERN
FRONTS OF OGADEN CONFLICT OVER PAST 3 DAYS AT RATE WHICH

GIVES CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT SOMALI FORCES, BOTH REGULAR AND GUERRILLA, ARE IN NEARLY FULL RETREAT (OR TACTICAL WITHDRAWAL). LATEST TOWNS CLAIMED TO BE RECAPTURED BY ETHIOPIANS ACCORDING TO NROC ARE: AYSHA, ADIGALLA, DEGAMEDA AND BIO CABOBA, ALONG RAIL LINE NE OF DIRE DAWA; SEGEG, KEBRI DEHAR, KORAHE AND AWARE, SOUTH AND SSE OF JIJIGA; AND FILTU, BOTLAMAYO AND DOLO, ON SOUTHERN FRONT SEE OF NEGHELLI (SIDAMO PROVINCE). IN ADDITION, RAILROAD IS NOW OPERATIONAL BETWEEN ADDIS ABABA AND DIRE DAWA.

2. GIVEN SPEED WITH WHICH ETHIOPIANS ARE PRESSING THEIR ADVANTAGE ON ALL FRONTS OF OGADEN CONFLICT, "WAR" COULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. THEN, AT LEAST IN ETHIOPIAN EYES, OGADEN WOULD BECOME WHOLLY "INTERNAL" AFFAIR. SOME ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IS EXTREMELY CONSCIOUS OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN ABOUT WELFARE OF OGADENI PEOPLES AND AS A RESULT PLANS AND PREPARATIONS APPEAR TO BE UNDER INTENSE CONSIDERATION FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF WAR AREAS AND RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED PERSONS. IT SEEMS AS IF ETHIOPIANS WISH TO DEFUSE OGADEN PROBLEM AND DE-INTERNATIONALIZE IT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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